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To: M&CP - Licensing
Cc: Hewitt, Andre
Subject: George & Vulture Restaurant

Hello,

I am objecting to the removal of condition 4 in Annex 2 on the licence of the George & Vulture. I live locally and am directly affected by the many drinkers already in St Michael's Alley and George Yard - literally hundreds. The noise and obstruction is a year round occurrence, but is unbelievably bad on sunny days/evenings. The current lockdown is a joy, but it should not take a virus to give the residents peace. Why pubs are allowed to operate beyond their licensed premises and cause disturbance to other businesses and residents has always baffled me. It is a kind of discrimination in favour of bars and pubs.

George & Vulture is a successful restaurant with a rich history. Though the current managers might say they do not intend to change the existing trade (open for lunch mainly), it does rather beg the question as to why they would apply to remove this particular condition. They might suggest that it is a simple tidying up operation to remove "out of date conditions", but the removal of condition 4 has huge implications.

Currently, Castle Court, into which the back bar opens, is already noisy and at times filled with drinkers. Removing the condition and allowing sale and consumption from the back bar will mean yet more drinkers in Castle Court, more noise, more obstruction, more public nuisance.

If the G&V applicants genuinely do not intend to become a restaurant & vertical bar, selling alcohol to customers from the back bar who would then fill Castle Court and adjoining alleys, then they should be happy to agree to a better worded condition such as:

The sale of alcohol must be ancillary to a meal (i.e. alongside a meal which was substantial, served at a dining table, and where the primary purpose of persons entering the licensed premises was to obtain a substantial sit-down meal).

I urge you to put the interests of residents ahead of the commercial interests of this successful restaurant. The condition was placed there for a reason and that reason still applies today.

Regards,

Douglas Rose
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